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HONG KONG FOR HOLBROOKE, OAKLEY, ROBERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIA'S IN LAOS

REF: HONG KONG 0235

FROM BROWN FOR ROBERTS

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIEVERTS OF HA WILL BE IN BANGKOK APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 16 ON TOUR OF AREA. HE IS CARRYING WITH HIM CASE FILES ON 38 AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS. SIEVERTS WILL POUCH THESE CASE FILES TO EMBASSY TO BE DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF NEW CASE FILES, REQUEST YOU MAKE APPOINT-
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MENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DELIVER FILES AND MAKE NEW ORAL DEMARCHE ON MIA'S. ORAL DEMARCHE SHOULD REFER TO RECENT DEMARCHES MADE BY WOODCOCK COMMISSION (IN MARCH), BY EMBASSY (IN APRIL), BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY (IN MAY), AND BY COUNTRY DIRECTOR BROWN AND CHARGE CORCORAN (IN AUGUST) OF 1977 REQUESTING ANY INFORMATION LAO HAVE ON OUR MIA'S. YOU SHOULD STRESS AGAIN THAT USG WANTS TO RE-

CEIVE EVEN PARTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT FATE OF OUR MISSING
MEN OR REMAINS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY IDENTIFIED.
YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE AGAIN IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OBTAIN-

ING BEST ACCOUNTING POSSIBLE FOR AMERICANS LISTED AS MISS-
ING IN ACTION AND NOTE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ISSUE IN IM-
PROVING U.S. PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF LAO GOVERNMENT AND GEN-
ERAL U.S.-LAO RELATIONS.

3. FYI. WE DO NOT, OF COURSE, WANT TO IMPLY ANY LINK BE-
TWEEN MIA QUESTION AND SEPARATE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE
DISASTER RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO LAO FOOD APPEAL. END FYI.
CHRISTOPHER

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